



May 6, 2015

Consultation comment deadline

Dear Tribal Leader:


In February of this year, we wrote to you inviting you to participate in consultations occurring in this month and May. These consultations sought comment and discussion on four topics; updates to the NIGC's Privacy Act regulations, the NIGC's proposed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) manual that includes a categorical exclusion for the approval of management contracts, guidance for Class III minimum internal control standards (MICS), and a proposed regulation through which the NIGC will give preference in Agency purchasing to Indian-owned businesses.

To date, the consultations sessions have been very successful and we have received thoughtful and constructive comments from those who have participated. In addition to oral testimony at these sessions the Commission also accepts written comments on the topics that were discussed. The closing date for comments on these topics is **June 22, 2015**. We are hopeful that you will take this opportunity to share your views with us.

The NIGC recognizes and respects the sovereignty of Indian tribes and the government-to-government relationship that exists between the United States and tribal governments. Accordingly, the NIGC is committed to implementing the President's November 5, 2009 Executive Memorandum on Tribal Consultation with Indian tribes and Executive Order 13175 prior to and during any rulemaking process.

Thank you for your interest and participation.

Sincerely,


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Chairman


Daniel J. Little
Associate Commissioner